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Dear Colleague:

For National Engineers Week 2006, the engineering community is making plans to participate in "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" (IGED) on Thursday, February 23, 2006. Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) is participating in this event by holding "**Exciting Adventures in Engineering, Science and Technology**" day. The day will be filled with activities including girl-friendly presentations, a team challenge workshop with experiments based around fundamentals of engineering and science, and short tours of different engineering facilities around site for middle school-aged girls. Engineering is a "girl thing!" This letter was sent to you by an Argonne employee or by Argonne's Division of Educational Programs with an interest in sponsoring an individual girl from your school.

We are looking for your help in identifying a student at your school who would like to attend this event. The girl must be in 6th through 8th grade, and ideally should be someone who you think would benefit from seeing engineering in action. We have enclosed an application form for the school and parent to complete. The application deadline is February 3, 2006. This is the fifth year that Argonne is holding this event. Last year, response among the middle school girls who attended the event was overwhelming, and the day was a huge success.

The IGED event at Argonne will consist of pairing up a middle school-aged girl with an engineer mentor for the day. From this experience, the students should gain the following:

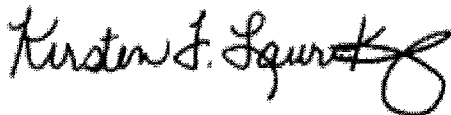
- Answers to the questions: "Why do I have to learn this?" and "Would I want to make engineering a career?"
- An appreciation of how fun engineering can be for girls.
- A first-hand understanding of what it takes to make it in their fields of interest from the people who know best - working professionals. Help in deciding which high school courses will prepare them for this profession.

The schedule for Argonne's "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" is attached.

The students are to wear long pants and low-heeled, closed shoes during their visit to Argonne National Laboratory.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Paula Moon at 630-252-8683.

Sincerely,



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